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SUBJ: SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S VISIT

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1. SECRETARY RICHARDSON APPRECIATES CONCERN EXPRESSED BY EMBASSY IN REF (B) REGARDING HIS VISIT TO BUCHAREST. AT SAME TIME YOUR MESSAGE RECEIVED, AMB. NICOLAE IN NEW YORK AND CHARGE' IONITA IN WASHINGTON WERE TRYING TO REACH SECRETARY RICHARDSON. AFTER SPEAKING WITH NICOLAE BY PHONE, DAS DOWNEY MET WITH IONITA ON SHORT NOTICE. KEY POINT MADE BY BOTH NICOLAE AND IONITA WAS THAT SINCE PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAD STRONG PERSONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST IN THE COMMISSION AND WANTED TO HAVE TIME FOR

EXTENSIVE MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY, ROMANIANS WOULD PREFER, IF POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY, TO HOLD COMMISSION MEETING SLIGHTLY BEFORE (APPROXIMATELY NOV. 17-18) OR FOLLOWING (AFTER NOV. 26) CURRENT DATES. BOTH STRESSED THAT IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE DATES, THEN GOR WAS QUITE READY TO GO FORWARD WITH NOV. 21-24 DATES AND CEAUSESCU WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SEE RICHARDSON.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, SECRETARY RICHARDSON IS UNABLE TO CHANGE HIS VISIT DATES FROM NOV. 21-24, HAVING ALREADY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER COMMISSION. HE DOES APPRECIATE VERY MUCH, INTEREST SHOWN IN HIS VISIT BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AND WISHES YOU TO CONVEY THIS TO THE PRESIDENT. HE PARTICULARLY REGRETS THAT HIS FIXED SCHEDULE WILL PREVENT WHAT APPEARS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU. HE DOES, HOWEVER, LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND UNDERSTANDS THAT CEAUSESCU WILL NOT HAVE AS MUCH TIME TO DEVOTE TO HIS VISIT.

3. PLEASE INFORM ROMANIANS. WE WILL BE CONTACTING ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE. KISSINGER

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